

**REMARKS**

Claim 1 is pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 2-8 are canceled.

Claim 9 was canceled on December 8, 2005.

Claims 2-8 are canceled to simplify the Appeal. An Appeal Brief is filed herewith.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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